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## American Citizens eNewsletter

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### EMBASSY CLOSURES

The Embassy will be closed **Thursday, February 3rd**, for Mozambican Heroes Day, and **Monday, February 21st** for President's Day.



In the event of an emergency involving a U.S. citizen, please contact the Consular Section immediately at 21 49 2797 x3439 or 21 49 0723 during non business hours. Please remember that in case of an emergency, no matter what day or time, there is always someone available to assist you.

### PROCEDURE FOR THE LEAVING THE COUNTRY WHILE WAITING FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT

Mozambican immigrations has been slow in its issuance of the new biometric residency permits. In cases where foreigners need to leave the country during the time that their application is being processed it is necessary to apply for an exit declaration (declaração de saída) from the Immigration Authorities.

Submission of a letter addressed to the Director of Immigration (one letter per applicant), with receipt for the residence permit applied for and the title page of passport;

Payment of 126.70Mt per applicant

Issuing of the document takes between one day and one week depending on the availability of someone to sign it.

A new declaration is required for each journey.

### EARLY WARNING FLOOD PLAN USING WARDEN SYSTEM

The Consular Section is calling on all American Citizens to help the Embassy in creating an early warning system for floods. The embassy would like to be able to send registrants of a particular area updates and warnings based information received.

If there are any floods in the area in which you are living, or can confirm that there is flooding, roads washed out or bridges that have been submerged, please send an e-mail to the Consular Section at [consularmaputo@state.gov](mailto:consularmaputo@state.gov). Or you can call our number **258 21 49 27 97 ext. 3439**.



### TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CONSULAR REPORTS OF BIRTHS ABROAD

The Department of State has suspended issuance of Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA) temporarily from January 3 to allow for worldwide system and processing changes. You may schedule and attend an appointment for a CRBA, but please note that the application will not be processed until the new system is operational.

The Department of State has not given an exact date to when the new system will be online but at the moment is their top priority. If your family is expecting a child and needs to leave the country, please contact us, as we can issue an emergency travel document.

We appreciate your patience in this matter.